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Dear Friends:

Welcome to "Save a Child's Life Night".

It's about one thing.

Parents and children talking honestly about drugs.

There are many programs that dance around the problem – that try to "scare you straight".

We don't.

We know the pain of watching drugs take a child's life. We want to make sure you see and feel that danger before it becomes a heartbreak.

This is the Courage to Speak Foundation's only reason for being.

How I wish this night - this meeting - was available when my son Ian was still alive.

A drug overdose killed him. He was only 20.

For more than a decade we've told Ian's story to more than a million young people and parents here in Connecticut and across the nation.

We know that The Courage to Speak live presentations, video, and drug prevention curriculum your child participated in this year have saved lives.

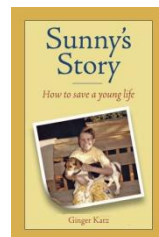
Students tell us after each program "I'll never do drugs. I didn't really know how bad they could be." We're here to help you make sure your children get this message in their heart before it's too late.

So enjoy the evening, be proud of what your child has accomplished, learn everything you can about drugs and how they can affect your child. And, in the future, sign up for our new program called Courage to Speak -Courageous Parenting 101, for parents only.

*Please don't endure the pain we did —
and thank you for taking an enormous step toward saving your child's life here tonight.*

Ginger Katz

CEO and Founder and Author of *Sunny's Story*



**Don't forget to pick up your signed copy
of *Sunny's Story* in the lobby tonight!**

P.S. Your support in buying **raffle tickets** will be deeply appreciated. I hope, that in the future, we can count on you to become a Friend of The Courage To Speak by volunteering, making a donation or coming to our Family Night every year. Our young people need you.

The Courage To Speak Empowering Youth To Be Drug Free Family Night— March 18, 2010

5:30 p.m. – 6:20 p.m.:

**Dinner and display of student posters and letters
"Operation Medicine Drop"**

In the cafeteria at West Rocks Middle School

6:20 p.m.—8:15 p.m: Program

In the Auditorium

6:25 p.m: Raffle Drawing and Announcement

By Larry Katz and Chief of Police, Harry Rilling

Introduction

Gary Curto, Board of Directors, The Courage to Speak Foundation

Emcee for the Evening

David Smith, TV and Radio Personality

Speakers

Mayor Richard Moccia

Chief of Police Harry Rilling

Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Tony Daddona

Student Presentations

Presentation of 2010 Distinguished Friend of Education Award by the CT Association of Schools

The Courage To Speak Awards for 2010

Presenting the Awards is Larry Katz, Co-Founder of The Courage To Speak Foundation

The Courage To Speak Community Leadership Awards

Peter J. Corbett, Chairman of The Courage to Speak Foundation

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The Courage To Speak Community Recognition Awards

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The Courage To Speak Volunteer of the Year Awards

John Agati, Helene Lewis, Nicole Tallman, Colleen Geisweit

Melissa Sanseverino, buildOn.org

Our Special Guest

Dianne Harnad, MSW, Director of Prevention & Health Promotion

CT Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services

Dr. Lynne Moore, Principal West Rocks Middle School

THE COURAGE TO SPEAK PRESENTATION

Ginger Katz, CEO and Founder of The Courage To Speak Foundation

8:15 p.m: Sunny's Story book signing and chat in Lobby

Special Thanks to the Affinion Group for the printing of this program.

Thank you to all of our sponsors, friends, committee members, volunteers, board members, teachers, principals, students, parents, and other supporters of The Courage To Speak Foundation.

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